IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (MBHB Case No. 03-1075)

Appl. No. : 10/729,123 Confirmation No. 9023

Applicant : Jens-Uwe Schluetter et al.

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Examiner : Namitha Pillai

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 8, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner.

In response to the Office Action of December 8, 2008, Applicant submits the following:

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Remarks begin on page 7.